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RESPONSE UNDER/RULE 116 DITED HANDLING PROCEDURES Atty Dkt. 1417-370 In re Patent Application of C# M# JAN 3 0 20C4 roup Art Unit: 1754 HASEGAWA et al Corres, and Mail Serial-No. 09/991,874 Examiner: Lish Filed: November 26, 2001 Date: January 30, 2004 Title: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING CARBON BLACK, AND FURNACE COMBUSTION APPARATUS AND FURNACE COMBUSTION METHOD Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir: RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon. ☐ Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached. Fees are attached as calculated below: Total effective claims after amendment 7 minus highest number previously paid for 0.00 20 \$ 18.00 (at least 20) = Х - Independent claims after amendment minus highest number previously paid for \$ 86.00 0.00 3 (at least 3) =If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper) 0.00 Petition is hereby made to extend the current due date so as to cover the filing date of this paper and attachment(s) (\$110.00/1 month; \$420.00/2 months; \$950.00/3 months) 110.00 Terminal disclaimer enclosed, add \$ 110.00 0.00 First/second submission after Final Rejection pursuant to 37 CFR 1.129(a) (\$770.00) 0.00 Please enter the previously unentered . filed Submission attached Subtotal \$ 110.00 If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract -\$ 0.00 Applicant claims "small entity" status.

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